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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR BENNETT FOR DR. GONZALEZ-GALVEZ

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO DR. SERGIO GONZALEZ-GALVEZ WHO SERVED UK CHAIRMAN OF UNGA LEGAL COMMITTEE.

2. QUOTE DEAR SERGIO: I REGRET THAT OUR PLANS TO GET TOGETHER BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK DID NOT WORK OUT AND THAT I MISSED YOUR TELEPHONE CALL FROM MEXICO. I AM SORRY YOU ARE NOT HERE WITH US TODAY FOR THE CLOSING SESSION OF THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN WHICH YOU PLAYED SUCH A PROMINENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. WE HAVE ALL BEEN FULL OF ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH YOU PRESIDED OVER THE LEGAL COMMITTEE AND FOR THE BREADTH OF COMPREHENSION, THE PARLIAMENTARY SKILL, AND THE TALENTS FOR CONCILIATION WHICH YOU BROUGHT TO THAT POST.

3. QUOTE THE SIXTH COMMITTEE HAD MANY SUCCESSES THIS YEAR, BUT NONE WILL RANK HIGHER THAN THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS. THAT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF FIRST RANK IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. I AM FRANK TO SAY THAT I DID NOT BELIEVE A COMMITTEE COULD WRITE A CONVENTION, BUT THE COMMITTEE HAPPILY PROVED ME WRONG; AND YOU WERE A PRINCIPAL FORCE IN THE
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COMMITTEE'S SUCCESSFUL WORK. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS REASON TO BE GRATEFUL TO YOU.

4. QUOTE THIS BRINGS WITH IT WARM
GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A GOOD NEW YEAR. I LO K FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.
YOURS VERY SINCERELY, TAPLEY BENNETT. END QUOTE.
BENNETT

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